

2002 WISCONSIN TRAFFIC CRASH FACTS



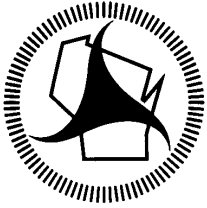
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2002 Facts and Figures

- 805 persons were killed in Wisconsin motor vehicle traffic crashes (36% involved alcohol, 34% involved speed, and 18% involved both speed and alcohol).
- 57,776 persons were injured in 39,634 reported injury crashes and 723 fatal crashes.
- An average of two persons were killed every day on Wisconsin highways.
- The fatality rate per 100 million miles of travel was 1.37, compared to 1.33 in 2001.
- Of the 457 drivers who were killed and tested for alcohol concentration, 180 drivers (39%) had an alcohol concentration of .10 or above.
- 50 pedestrians were killed, compared to 42 in 2001.
- Of the 50 pedestrians killed, 8 (16%) were tested with a blood alcohol concentration of .10 or above.
- 9 bicyclists were killed, the same as were killed in 2001.
- 78 motorcyclists were killed, compared to 70 in 2001.
- 37% of persons killed in passenger car and light truck crashes (for instances in which safety belt use could be determined) were using safety restraints.
- 80% of all motorcyclists killed in crashes (for instances in which helmet use could be determined) were not wearing helmets.
- 61% of all crashes occurred on county trunk highways and local roads.
- The total number of registered vehicles was 5,038,541 compared to 4,946,305 in 2001 (a 1.8% increase).
- The total number of licensed drivers was 3,839,930 compared to 3,835,549 in 2001 (a 0.1% increase).

Crashes, Not Accidents

Traffic crashes are not accidents but avoidable events caused by a single variable or chain of variables. The Bureau of Transportation Safety is dedicated to reducing traffic injuries and fatalities by addressing the factors that cause them.



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Dear Traffic Safety Advocates:

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Safety is pleased to provide you with a copy of the 2002 edition of the *Wisconsin Traffic Crash Facts Book*.

This book provides statewide information on traffic crashes, deaths and injuries. To help you identify current and emerging traffic safety issues, this information is provided in several levels of detail including: number and types of crashes, types of vehicles involved in crashes, severity of injuries, and age and gender of drivers. This information is provided as a resource for traffic safety professionals and those interested in making Wisconsin's roadways, sidewalks, and bicycle paths safe for all of us who travel them.

I want to offer special thanks to Mary Elizabeth Kunkel for her efforts to make this publication accurate and user friendly.

To view this publication online, visit:

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/safety/motorist/crashfacts/index.htm>.

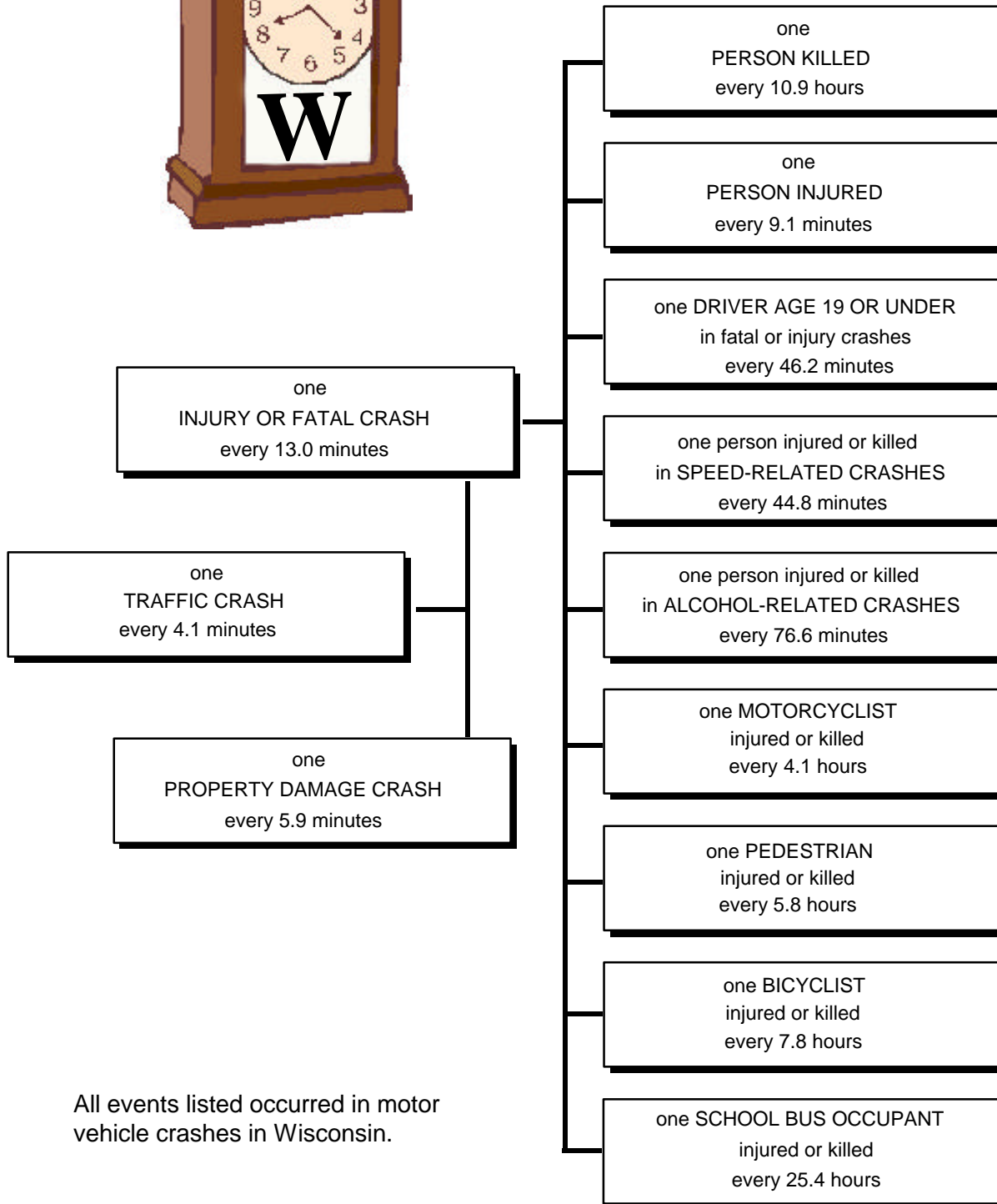
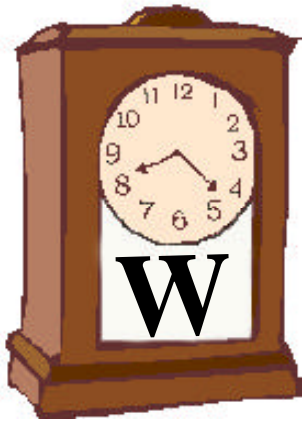
To obtain additional copies of the Crash Facts Book or more information about transportation safety in Wisconsin, please contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. Wolfram".

Mark Wolfram, Administrator
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Wisconsin's Highway Safety Clock



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